





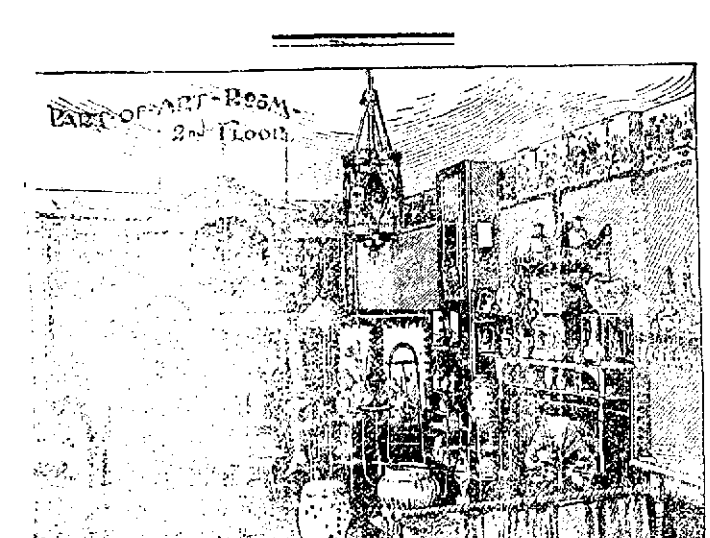








# BARGAIN SALE!



Our second annual sale of FEBRUARY BARGAINS will open Monday morning in our China Department. This sale embraces many FINE GOODS (not in WHOLE SETS); plates from which one or more have been broken or sold, escoloped Oyster Sets, Pudding Sets, Odd Creamers and Sugars, Water Jugs and Caraffes.

In this sale you will find some of the HANDSOMEST Goods ever brought to Decatur. We have a few of those very fine plates, the prices of which ran from \$40 to \$100 per dozen. The few left will go into this sale. Don't miss it.



OUR ART ROOM SALE will be carried on during this month and all CUP GLASS, ROYAL WORCESTERS and that class of goods have been reduced to where they will tempt you.

**OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,**  
Second Floor, China Department.

# THEY FETCH 'EM!

Those ELEGANT TIES on display in our window do the work. You pass by and glance in and they do the rest.

The Nobbliest line of Ties ever shown for 25c. Actual 50c and 75c patterns.

**BRYAN, JONES & CO.**  
4 Doors West of Post Office.

**1892=1855=37**

We have left behind us another milestone on the highway of our business career, and are now entering upon the 37th year of catering to the wants of the public.

We will, as heretofore, aim to please, and you can rest assured that the best of everything to be found in a first-class meat market will always be offered you.

Thanking you for past patronage bestowed and respectfully soliciting continuance of the same we remain,

**Imboden Bros.**

**KIRK'S**  
AMERICAN FAMILY SOAP  
A LAUNDRY SOAP, PURE AND SANITARY.  
General Household Use.

# DAILY REPUBLICAN

## + OYSTERS +

### Lunch

## WOOD'S.

MONDAY EVE. FEB. 22, 1892.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce MARGON MAY as a candidate for Justice of the Peace at the approaching election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

#### Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to the purchasing public for the generous patronage they have given us during our Great Bargain Sale. To those who have not already bought and wish to take advantage of our Low Prices we would say, Come now, as the sale will continue for a few days longer.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

#### Dress & Bonnet.

"Sisters to Son" Friday night. WALKING was good Sunday. TARTAN, 88—Hoskins & Moore, dentists. CALL for the Joseph Michl cigars—the Little Rose or Bouquet.

W. H. GRIMMEL has a room 20x40 on South State street, for rent.

Tanz Illinois College Maadolin and Glee club appear at the opera house Tuesday night.

The A. D. S. club will give a German on Tuesday evening at Mrs. Sedgwick's dancing hall.

The Equal Suffrage club will hold a reception Tuesday evening, March 1st, at the Woman's Club rooms.

Musical division of the Woman's Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. All members urged to be present.

SEVERAL BARGAINS in Gents', Ladies' and Children's Knitted underwear and Undershirt Suits, at Linn & Scruggs D. G. & Co.

HANES & Co. at the handy grocery store, 133 South Water street, carry a full line of table supplies. Call and make selections.

We have just received large invoices of fresh garden and flower seeds. The Spencer & Lehman Company, corner Main and Wood streets, fully-drawn.

The "Centimeter" kid gloves are the handsomest, best fitting, best wearing and cheapest gloves in the U. S.

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The great majority of so-called cough cures do little more than impair the digestive functions and create bile. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on the contrary, while it cures the cough, does not interfere with the functions of either the stomach or liver.

A Good Colonial Dinner.

The Colonial dinner served at the court house today by the ladies of the Decatur churches for the benefit of the Industrial and Charitable Union, was liberally patronized by the guests generally.

Flowers were not enough valued to accommodate all the crowd, which kept streaming in from every direction, but there were plenty of attendants, the ladies being attired in becoming colonial costumes. The dinner was perfect. Everybody said that it was a perfect old-fashioned New England dinner, with an abundance of pumpkin, apples and mince pies, doughnuts, preserves, baked beans and corn. The tickets were sold by Mrs. A. T. Hill and Mrs. J. A. Barnes at 35 cents each.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. S. McRoberts is quite sick.

Mr. D. P. Reame is visiting relatives in Lexington, Ill.

Mr. H. H. Hays, of Union, Mo., is the guest of his sister in this city.

Mrs. W. E. Nicholson is in Monticello visiting relatives.

Miss Emma Bartlett is in St. Louis visiting friends.

Miss Mattie Foster visited friends in Monticello over Sunday.

Attorney A. H. Miller is in Jacksonville to-day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown left last night for Riverside, Cal.

Mrs. G. R. Steele is in Belleville visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wagoner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McDonald went to Long Creek to-day to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Sargent returned this morning from a visit with relatives in Raymond.

Mrs. Joseph Miller and sister, of Olney, are in the city visiting Wayne Wilson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dickerson of Detroit, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tinsler.

E. L. Pegram, a grain dealer of Lincoln, Ill., is the guest of his brother-in-law, A. T. Summers, and family.

One Alrene left today for Duquoin, Iowa, to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. H. Abner.

C. W. Montgomery returned this morning from a business trip to Chicago. He stopped in St. Louis and heard Fatti sing.

Miss Goldie Pierce, who has been in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. Mattie, left today for her home in Mr. Zion.

Mrs. John McKoy, who has been in the city visiting E. W. Hardy and family for the past few days, returned today for her home in Neoga, Ill.

Thomas B. Shoff, who owns a controlling interest in the Danville Daily Press, arrived in the city Saturday White, and is in progress this afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Meelers at the residence of E. J. Turner and family, Main street, Feb. 22, a daughter. George should name the little queen Martha Washington.

Marion Tinsler, James Powell, of Decatur, had leased the fruit farm of Mrs. Nellie Brown for the coming season. Mr. Powell comes to Marion well recommended and will no doubt conduct the business satisfactorily.

Mrs. J. M. Dixon, Miss Nona Matheny and Mrs. Cook Matheny of Springfield, arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Carrie White, which is in progress this afternoon.

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Start of the Flames in the Steam Bakery—Close Call for the Methodist Church—Tenants Out of Places—Losses and Insurance in Detail—The Block to be Rebuilt—Notes and Incidents.

The Library Block, one of the best blocks in the city, was completely destroyed by fire last night. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock, and within three hours the entire block was destroyed. The fire department did everything it could but outside of saving the First M. E. church it is doubtful whether it did any good. The fire was simply out of proportion with the department's facilities for fighting fire.

The loss of the Decatur Steam Bakery Company, in whose place of business the fire started, is about \$18,000 in machinery and stock on hand; insurance \$12,000. But in the way of loss on business the estimate can not be made. The interruption to the business is complete. Not a thing was saved. Everything is gone, except the boilers and other heavy articles. The stockholders will meet and decide on future operations. Possibly the industry will be rebuilt.

The handsome room at the corner was occupied by W. F. Neisler as a drug store. He carried a fine stock of goods, being the first floor and basement. His stock was valued at \$5,500, on which there was an insurance of \$3,800. He saved a large portion of the sundries on the first floor, but nothing from the cellar. The goods saved were carried to the I. C. and E. D. & E. railway company, by Davis & Burke, electrical supply goods, and by Mr. Lanktree, Remington typewriter machines. All of the telegraph instruments, batteries, and tables were destroyed, but Mr. Davis saved his tickets, and manager Davis kept his books and desk out. The typewriter machines were saved, and also a portion of the electrical goods. The Western Union loss is quite heavy, inasmuch as all connections are broken and no business can be transacted until new instruments are procured, a new office secured and the tangled wires put in shape.

J. B. Ballard, undertaker, had the next room east. Linn Radcliff was asleep in the room. He was awakened before the room was in flames, and the crowd assisted in removing the skeletons and coffins. Nearly all of the valuable goods were saved and conveyed to the street and into Mr. Ballard's new room in Sydnor's Block, which is being located ready for business. Mr. Ballard lost all of his tools and considerable hardware. His loss will aggregate about \$1,000. Insured.

Coroner Jesse Hendrix had his office desks and records of the coroner's office with Mr. Ballard. The whole outfit was destroyed, being the records since John Dineen was coroner. But nearly all of the records are recorded in the recorder's office, and those which were not on record can be found in the columns of the Decatur papers.

Smith, Hubbard & Co., manufacturing plumbers, had their establishment in the room adjoining the steam bakery, and carried a stock of goods valued at \$16,000; insurance, \$12,000. But little was saved. A few desks were removed together with papers and a Gordon printing press. Mr. Smith states that their loss is about \$5,000. They will try to resume business as soon as possible.

Stogers & Stearns, tinners and roofers, had their store on the North Main street front of the block, they carried \$3000 worth of machinery and goods, and saved about \$800 worth of stock. The loss is over \$2500; insurance \$2000.

Peter Halsey and family occupied the old Howenstein property North of the block. Everything was taken out of the house which at once vacated by the Haley family.

The Public Library occupied the second floor at the corner, over the drug store and mattress factory. The library contained an exceptionally fine collection of books, embracing about